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(Odd Fellows Lodge) (Whitesel Store)
Roanoke
Lewis County
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Location: Roanoke, West Virginia.

Elevation: ca. 1060'.

UTM References as given on the National Register of Historic Places Nomination form:

Zone: 17

Easting: 544050

Northing: 4309030

U.S.G.S. Map: Roanoke, West Virginia, 7.5' (1966 edition, photo revised 1979).

Present Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Present Occupant: Ray Roach.

Present Use: dwelling/store.

Construction Date: 1890s.

Historical Information: As in the case of many of the lots in Roanoke, this property originally was divided from a larger tract owned by Joseph Hall. In fact, it was part of the 4 acre tract which he sold in 1873 to William Godfrey and Draper Mitchell as a site for a gristmill. This is recorded as the first such mill in the Collins Settlement District of Lewis County, West Virginia (Cook 1924: 19). In turn, Godfrey and Mitchell sold lots out of this tract, which was located near the confluence of the West Fork and Sand Fork rivers. The tract containing the mill complex is recorded to have been owned by several persons over a period of 10-20 years. Using deeds to reconstruct a correct order of ownership, it appears that Godfrey and Mitchell sold the mill tract (known as Lot 12) to William Watson sometime prior to March 1883 when Watson and his wife, Mildred, sold the lot to Oliver Alkire. Several months later, the Alkires sold it to Joseph McCray.

The exact composition of the steam-powered mill, its precise location and the length of time it operated cannot be ascertained on the basis of information available at present. Of the mill's owners, only Alkire is listed in the Lewis County, West Virginia, tax records as owning Lot 12. Although improvements are recorded in the tax listings for his land, there is no way of determining what was being taxed; presumably it was the mill complex. Taxation on what is thought to have been the mill complex remained under Alkire's name through 1890 despite the fact that it is recorded elsewhere that Alkire sold it to Joseph McCray. Alkire had rebuilt the mill following a fire in 1883 (Cook 1924: 19). If the deeds are accurate, the sale took place in June 1883.

It is possible that although Alkire sold the mill, he may have continued to operate it and to pay taxes on it for part of the time that it technically was owned by McCray.

According to Cook (1924: 19) it was the presence of this sawmill/gristmill complex that first attracted attention to the Roanoke area as a locus for settlement. Consequently, Joseph Hall, who owned a parcel of land near the mill consisting of over 80 acres, had William Peterson survey a tract in the vicinity of the mill complex to establish development lots. Hall thereafter began to sell lots in what became Roanoke, West Virginia (Cook 1924: 19; Lewis County Deed Book 6: 501). Dates cited by Cook (1924) for the sale of certain tracts of Hall's land in Roanoke conflict with dates recorded in the

TABLE
Ownership of Tract 1540

Grantor	Grantee	Date of Transaction	Cost	Acreage	Reference	Comments
O. J. Whitesel, J. P. Whitesel & D. E. Whitesel	Robert W. Duncan, et al. Trustees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge 264	23 June 1905	\$1,200.00	0.16	Lewis County Deed Book 54: 145	
R. N. Duncan & Mary A. Duncan (wife)	J. P. Whitesel	24 Jan. 1898	\$1,175.00	0.16	Lewis County Deed Book 34: 102	
B. L. Hefner & M. J. Hefner	R. N. Duncan & J. P. Whitesel	18 Dec. 1894	\$100.00	0.16	Lewis County Deed Book 29: 9	
William S. Hefner & Lizzie Hefner (wife)	B. L. Hefner	26 April 1892	\$2,000.00	0.16	Lewis County Deed Book 25: 426	
Joseph McCray	William S. Hefner	28 Nov. 1885	\$1,700.00	0.16	Lewis County Deed Book 16: 492	
Oliver Alkire & Jane Alkire (wife)	Joseph McCray	26 June 1883	\$300.00	0.16	Lewis County Deed Book 14: 113	
William A. Watson & Mildred M. Watson	Oliver Alkire	7 March 1883	\$361.85	0.16	Lewis County Deed Book 13: 575	How the Watsons obtained the property is unknown
Lias G. Smith & Emily Smith (wife)	Julius C. Smith	30 Jan. 1874	\$1,000.00	Several lots including 1/2 of Lot 12	Lewis County Deed Book 5: 332	Julius Smith was a son of Lias G. Smith. How Lias Smith obtained the land is unknown. Steam-powered sawmill and gristmill stood on Lot 12 in 1874

Table (cont.)

Grantor	Grantee	Date of Transaction	Cost	Acreage	Reference	Comments
Joseph Hall	William J. Godfrey & Draper C. Mitchell	4 March 1873	\$100.00	4	<u>Lewis County Deed Book 6: 501</u>	
Michael G. Bush & Amelia Bush (wife)	Joseph Hall	20 Sept. 1847	\$1,100.00	86	<u>Lewis County Deed Book N: 59</u>	
John Sprigg & Elizabeth Sprigg (wife)	Michael G. Bush	23 Dec. 1825	\$1,200.00	91	<u>Lewis County Deed Book C: 233</u>	

TABLE
 Tax Record for Tract 1540

Name	Year	Land	Value per Acre	Value of Land	Value of Improvement	Total Value	Comments
John Sprigg	1817	310 acres Sand Fork/ West Fork	\$3.50			\$155.00	
	*1818 1819	310 acres Sand Fork/ West Fork	\$3.50		\$150.00	\$400.00	
	1820-1823	310 acres Sand Fork/ West Fork	\$3.50		\$131.25	\$1,085.00	
	1824-1826	310 acres Sand Fork/ West Fork	\$3.50			\$1,085.00	
Michael G. Bush	1827	20 acres West Fork	\$3.50			\$70.00	From John Sprigg
	1828-1833	91 acres West Fork	\$5.70		\$200.20	\$518.70	
	1834 *1835	91 acres West Fork	\$5.70			\$518.70	
	1836-1839 1840-1847	91 acres West Fork 91 acres West Fork	\$5.70 \$10.00			\$518.70 \$910.00	
Joseph Hall	1848	86 acres West Fork	\$10.00			\$860.00	From Michael G. Bush
	1849	86 acres West Fork	\$10.00			\$860.00	
	*1850 1851	86 acres West Fork	\$10.00			\$860.00	
	*1852-1853 1854-1855	85 acres West Fork 85 acres West Fork	\$10.00 \$11.00		\$350.00	\$850.00 \$850.00	
	1856	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00		\$600.00	\$1,105.00	
	1857-1858 *1859	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00		\$600.00	\$1,105.00	
	1860 *1861	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00		\$600.00	\$1,105.00	
	1862-1867 *1868-1869	85 acres West Fork	\$13.00		\$600.00	\$1,105.00	
	1870-1872 1873-1874	85 acres West Fork 85 acres West Fork	\$13.00 \$13.00		\$600.00 \$400.00	\$1,105.00 \$1,105.00	
	*1875						

No listing for Godfrey and Mitchell or
 Watson

Table (cont.)

Name	Year	Land	Value per Acre	Value of Land	Value of Improvement	Total Value	Comments
Julius C. Smith	1876	1/2 of Lot 12 (120 p) *			\$250.00		120 p may refer to 120 poles
Oliver Alkire	1876	1/2 of Lot 12			\$250.00	\$300.00	
	1877	1/2 of Lot 12 (120 p)			\$250.00	\$300.00	
	1878-1880	1/2 of Lot 12 (120 p)			\$250.00	\$330.00	
	1881-1882	1/2 of Lot 12 (120 p)			\$250.00	\$300.00	
	1883-1891	1/2 of Lot 12 (120 p)			\$250.00	\$300.00	
		1/2 of Lot 12 (120 p)			\$225.00	\$225.00	
		1/2 of Lot 12 (120 p)			\$225.00	\$225.00	
		1/2 of Lot 12 (120 p)			\$75.00	\$115.00	
		1/2 of Lot 12 (120 p)				\$29.00	
B. L. Heffner	1892	Part, Lot 12, Roanoke				\$100.00	From William Heffner and A. J. McCray
	1893-1894	Part, Lot 12, Roanoke				\$100.00	
	1895	Lot 12, Roanoke				\$50.00	
J. P. Whitesel	1896-1897	Lot, Roanoke				\$50.00	
J. P. Whitesel & O. J. Whitesel	1898	Part, Lot 12, Roanoke			\$300.00	\$320.00	
	1899-1905	Part, Lot 12, Roanoke			\$300.00	\$350.00	
Roanoke Lodge, #264 I.O.O.F.	1906-1907	Part, Lot 12, Roanoke		\$300.00	\$700.00	\$1,000.00	1905, from O. J. Whitesel and J. P. Whitesel
	1908	Part, Lot 12, Roanoke		\$300.00	\$700.00	\$1,000.00	
	1909-1929	Part, Lot 12, Roanoke		\$300.00	\$700.00	\$1,000.00	
	1930-1931	Part, Lot 12, Roanoke		\$200.00	\$600.00	\$800.00	
	1932-1940	Part, Lot 12, Roanoke		\$160.00	\$480.00	\$640.00	
	1941-1961	Part of Lot 12		\$160.00	\$480.00	\$640.00	
	1962-1967	Part of Lot 12		\$160.00	\$680.00	\$840.00	
	1968-1975	Part of Lot 12		\$250.00	\$2,510.00	\$2,760.00	
	1976-1979	Part of Lot 12		\$250.00	\$2,550.00	\$2,800.00	
	1980	Part of Lot 12		\$400.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,900.00	

*Records Missing.

deed and tax records, but it is clear that Hall began to offer land lots in Roanoke for sale sometime during the 1870s.

Returning to the discussion of Lot 12, it is not known when the mill complex ceased its operation, but in November 1885, McCray sold part of Lot 12 to William S. Hefner.

The dimensions of the subdivided lot are unclear, but on the basis of a study of the land ownership history of Tracts 1540 and 1542, it seems reasonably certain that Hefner purchased the northern part of Lot 12, listed as Tract 1540 in this study. He and his wife, Lizzie, subsequently sold it to B. L. Hefner early in 1892. In December 1894, B. L. Hefner sold the tract to R. N. Duncan and J. P. Whitesel.

These owners were never jointly taxed for the property, however. Whitesel was first taxed (individually) on the lot for the year 1895. His taxes for the year 1897 also included levies on improvements to the property.

This may be an indication that the existing structure on Tract 1540, which is locally believed to have been constructed in the 1890s, was built ca. 1897 (James Whelan 1981, pers. comm.). It may have been built by Whitesel as a store for he is known to have operated a general store in that approximate area for a number of years. He may have operated his store from a building on Tract 1540 prior to the time that he sold it to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in June 1905, thereafter purchasing Tract 1542 in November of the same year.

The possibility that the property purchased by the Odd Fellows in 1905 included a structure seems good considering the \$1200.00 purchase price. Informants have noted that the structure originally was a one story building to which a second story was added. The addition was reached by an exterior stairway on the north side of the building. The construction date of the addition is not known. In the late 1930s, the exterior stairway to the second floor was enclosed. A well with a wooden walkway to it existed to the rear (i.e., east) of the structure (James Whelan 1981, pers. comm.).

The structure has been known for decades as the Odd Fellows Lodge (Independent Order of Odd Fellows), but it has also included a general store on the first floor for a long period of time. The Odd Fellows meeting room, which also served as the meeting place of the Rebeccas (the female "counterpart" of the Odd Fellows) was on the second floor. Former residents of Roanoke readily recalled the operators of the store: J. P. Whitesel and R. N. Duncan "a year or so before the turn of the century" (which corresponds very well with known dates from ownership and tax records);

T. F. Mullooly "around the time of World War I," also was recalled and later, Blaine Rollyson, Cecil Horner, a Mr. Chapman (who committed suicide in a chicken house once located at the rear of the building) and finally Ray Roach, the last operator of any store in the building. Most of the informants interviewed in the course of this study identified the store with the Whitesel family name. For that reason, this name is used throughout the ensuing discussion to refer to the store portion of the building.

While the store was not always competitive with other mercantile and general stores in the village, the various proprietors of the "Whitesel" store offered large supplies of groceries, feed for livestock, cooking wares, nails, some clothing, candy and soft drinks, eggs and other items. At times, these were purchased from local suppliers and occasionally were obtained by barter. The convenience of purchasing by credit attracted local customers to the store (James Whelan 1981, pers. comm.).

The many activities of the Odd Fellows matched in importance the commercial contributions of the store located in the hall. Indeed, a critical part of the community's history is reflected in the longevity and service of the Odd Fellows. The 50 and 35 year pins of Gilbert Bowyers and George Post, later the work of Jim McClain, Maxwell Martin and others (George and Ruth Post 1981, pers. comm.) was frequently recounted by most of the informants interviewed in the course of the preparation of this report.

Not every male in the vicinity of Roanoke, West Virginia, belonged to the Odd Fellows, but for years the membership was about 40 men which often included a few members from Vandalia, West Virginia, and other nearby communities. Most Odd Fellow members also belonged to the Roanoke United Methodist Protestant Church; the odd Fellows met on Monday nights, and for decades the group could count on 25 or more men at each meeting (Oliver "Peck" Posey 1981, pers. comm.).

In addition to providing general leadership within the community and working from time to time in "paint-up," "fix-up" projects on the hall, the Odd Fellows helped the needy (usually in secret), provided care for widows and orphans and offered succor to the families of the recently deceased. The lodge members held a picnic each year, conducted an annual memorial service for its dead and had special gatherings on select holidays throughout the year (James and Marie McClain 1981, pers. comm.). An active group, some members of the Roanoke lodge served as district and state officials of the International Order of Odd Fellows.

As noted previously, lodge meetings were held in the upstairs hall (Room 9) which had two small outer-rooms (Rooms 6, 8) The front (i.e., west end) of Room 9 had an elevated platform with chairs for the officers. Over the years, the appearance of the hall never changed.

The Rebeccas joined the Odd Fellows in their civic contributions. At times, they set up a quilting frame in the hall where women would work on quilts that were then auctioned off or upon which chances would be sold. The proceeds were always given to charity (William and Evaline Horner 1981, pers. comm.).

In the post-World War II years, as membership in both the Odd Fellows and the Rebeccas declined, an argument occurred over the use of the hall's first floor (i.e., the "store" portion of the structure). A group of Odd Fellows joined members of the farm women's club to remodel the first floor of the hall with the intention of making it a community center where various organizations could meet. However, a dispute erupted over rent, the lodge locked the doors of the center, and unfortunately the building lived under a "cloud of ignominy" during its last useful years (Bertha Brinkley 1981, pers. comm.). Recently, both the Odd Fellows and the Rebeccas returned their charters and merged with similar organizations elsewhere in West Virginia. The Roanoke Rebeccas are now members of the Berlin, West Virginia, sorority, while the Roanoke Odd Fellows belong to the Weston, West Virginia, fraternity (James and Bonnie Hawkins Fultineer 1981, pers. comm.).

Architectural Information:

General Description: The Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge is a two story rectangular commercial structure with a shed roof.

Exterior Description :

Overall Dimensions: 36'1" x 50'5".

Foundation: The foundation of the structure consists of sandstone piers of various dimensions. The north wall is supported on six piers, the east and west walls on three and the south wall on six. An undetermined number of piers support the floor joists throughout the building.

Walls: The walls are composed of 4 1/2" German cove siding attached with wire nails; the walls are painted light gray and are covered with 1' x 2' green asbestos siding.

Framing: light timber frame; 2" x 4" studs on 24" centers.

Porch: A 7' x 26'8" porch extends across the store facade (west elevation). The deck is poured concrete and is raised ca. 7" above the ground. The felt paper-covered shed roof is supported by four 3 1/2" square columns with cambered edges.

Chimneys: None at present.

Roof: The shed roof of the structure is covered with felt paper.

Interior Description: Room 1 (Room numbers are keyed to floor plans on pages 25-26)

Function: Unknown.

Dimensions: 31'5" x 13'4"; 12' ceiling.

Wallcovering: The north wall is white drywall except bottom 3'4" which is 4 1/2" German cove siding painted gray; east wall is white drywall; south and west walls are 4 1/2" German cove siding painted white except the lower 3'4" which is painted gray.

Floorcovering: 3 1/2" tongue and groove yellow pine boards; unpainted; covered with three layers of felt paper and linoleum.

Ceiling: drywall painted white with crown molding.

Baseboard: none.

Heating: none.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: two ceiling fixtures.

Stairway: see Room 5.

Interior Description: Room 2

Function: Unknown.

Dimensions: 17'5" x 13'3"; 12' ceiling.

Wallcovering: The south and north walls are drywall painted white except for lower 3'4" which is covered with German cove siding painted gray; east wall is drywall painted white except lower 6' which is covered with tongue and groove 6 1/2"-8 1/2" boards; the upper half of this covering is painted white, the lower half is painted gray.

Floorcovering: 3 1/2" tongue and groove yellow pine boards; unpainted; covered with three layers of felt paper and linoleum.

Ceiling: drywall painted white with crown molding.

Baseboard: none.

Heating: none.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; three outlets spaced along north wall.

TABLE

Tract 1540: Door Details

Position*	Opening	Style	Hinge	Latch/Lock	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim	Threshold
Room 1 to Exterior	2'8" x 6'7 1/2"	2 panel	4" pin butt	mortise lock	4" mold	4 1/2" plain boards with cap	yes
Room 1 to Porch	2'10" x 6'10"	5 panel; second from top is glass; transom	3 1/2" pin butt	3 1/2" box lock with porcelain knob	3 1/2" stepped molding on south jamb; 2 1/2" stepped molding on north jamb; and 4" stepped molding header	4 1/2" plain boards with cap	yes
Room 1 to Stairway	2'5" x 6'4"	4 panel	3 1/2" pin butt	mortise lock	3 1/2" plain boards	3 1/2" plain boards	yes
Room 1 to Room 2	2'10 1/4" x 6'8"	missing	3 1/2" butt	missing	4" mold	6" plain boards	no
Room 2 to Exterior	2'10" x 6'5 1/2"	4 panel with transom	3" butt	missing	4" plain boards	1 3/4" plain boards	no
Room 2 to Room 3	4' x 6'5"	passage; transom	—	—	2 1/2" mold	3 1/2" mold	yes
Room 3 to Room 4	2'10" x 6'4 1/2"	6 panel	3" butt	box lock 3 1/2" x 5"	—	4 3/4" plain boards with bull's eye block (5")	no

Table (cont.)

Position*	Opening	Style	Hinge	Latch/Lock	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim	Threshold
Room 4 to Porch	4'4" x 7' (each door is 27" wide)	double each has 4 panels; top 2 are glass	4" pin butt	previously thumb latch; previously box lock/dead bolt now a sliding bolt plus original 7" long ornate spring-loaded bolt	5" mold	5" mold	yes
Room 5 to Stairway	2'6 1/2" x 6'5 3/4"	door missing	previously 3 1/2" butt	—	4 1/2" plain boards	4 1/2" plain boards	—
Room 5 to Room 6 (Figure 339)	2'6 1/4" x 6' 3/8"	door missing	previously 2 3/4" butt	—	4" mold	4" plain boards	yes
Room 6 to Room 9	2'6 1/2" x 6'7 1/2"	door missing	previously 3" butt	—	4" plain boards	4" mold	—
Room 7 to Room 8	2'6 1/2" x 6'6 1/2"	door missing	previously 3 1/2" butt	—	4" plain boards	4" mold	no
Room 8 to Room 9	2'8" x 6'9"	door missing	previously 3" butt	—	3 1/2" plain boards	4" mold	—

*For exact positions, refer to Figures

TABLE
 Tract 1540: Window Details

Position	Style	Opening	Size of Pane	Number of Panes	Type of Sill	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim
WEST WALL							
Left to right	paired single sash	48" x 108"	20" x 46"	2/2	—	3" plain boards	—
	single sash	26 3/4" x 108"	21" x 46"	1/1	—	—	—
	single sash	52" x 56"	22" x 48"	1 by 1	—	—	—
	single sash	26 3/4" x 108"	21" x 46"	1/1	—	—	—
	paired single sash	48" x 108"	20" x 46"	2/2	—	3" plain boards	—
Second Floor							
Left to right	paired double hung	26" x 69 1/2"	22 1/4" x 32 3/8"	1/1	—	5 1/2" mold	5" plain boards
	paired double hung	26" x 69 1/2"	22 1/4" x 32 3/8"	1/1	—	5 1/2" mold	5" plain boards
	paired double hung	26" x 69 1/2"	22 1/4" x 32 3/8"	1/1	—	5 1/2" mold	5" plain boards
NORTH WALL							
First Floor	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	5 1/2" mold	5" plain boards
	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	5 1/2" mold	5" plain boards

Table (cont.)

Position	Style	Opening	Size of Pane	Number of Panes	Type of Sill	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim
NORTH WALL (cont.)							
	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	5 1/2" mold	5" plain boards
	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	6" plain boards	3 3/4" plain boards
Second Floor Left to right	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	5 1/2" mold	5" plain boards
	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	5 1/2" mold	5" plain boards
	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	5 1/2" mold	5" plain boards
	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	5 1/2" mold	5" plain boards
EAST WALL Second Floor	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	3 3/4" plain boards	—
SOUTH WALL First Floor	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	4 1/2" plain boards	4 1/2" plain boards

Table (cont.)

Position	Style	Opening	Size of Pane	Number of Panes	Type of Sill	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim
SOUTH WALL (cont.)							
Second Floor Left to right	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	5 1/2" mold	5" plain boards
	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	5 1/2" mold	5" plain boards
	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	5 1/2" mold	5" plain boards
	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	5 1/2" mold	5" plain boards
PARTING WALL BETWEEN UNITS							
Second Floor West to east	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	4" mold	4" plain boards
	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	4" mold	4" plain boards
	double hung	33" x 69"	14" x 32"	2/2	—	3" mold	5" plain boards

Interior Description: Room 3

Function: Unknown.

Dimensions: 21'2" x 13'4"; 8' ceiling.

Wallcovering: The east wall is corrugated cardboard covered with several layers of wallpaper; south and north walls are 3" unfinished tongue and groove horizontal boards covered with several layers of wallpaper; west wall is 7"-1" horizontal boards covered with several layers of wallpaper.

Floorcovering: 3 1/2" tongue and groove yellow pine boards; unpainted; covered with three layers of felt paper and linoleum.

Ceiling: 8" unfinished plain boards covered with corrugated cardboard which in turn is covered with several layers of wallpaper.

Baseboard: none.

Heating: none.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture.

Interior Description: Room 4

Function: store area.

Dimensions: 35'7" x 21'2"; 12' ceiling.

Wallcovering: 3 1/2" horizontal tongue and groove boards painted white except behind store shelves where they are stained dark brown.

Floorcovering: 2 1/2" and 4" tongue and groove boards; unfinished but oiled.

Ceiling: 3"-5" beaded tongue and groove boards; painted white.

Baseboard: none.

Heating: The base of the sandstone chimney described in Room 6 (see below) is exposed in northern half of ceiling near the east wall.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: three ceiling fixtures; box at west end of south wall.

Other: four 4" x 4" support posts ; store shelves are along north, east and south walls; 9 1/2" deep shelves stained dark brown; shelves and dividers have rounded edges .

Interior Description: Room 5

Function: Unknown.

Dimensions: 13'3" x 49'2"; 10'1" ceiling.

Wallcovering: 3 1/4" horizontal tongue and groove boards; painted beige.

Floorcovering: 3 1/4" tongue and groove yellow pine boards; unfinished.

Ceiling: 3 1/4" tongue and groove boards; painted beige.

Baseboard: 10" plain board with cap molding and quarter round shoe; painted beige.

Heating: none.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: two ceiling fixtures toward rear (i.e., east side) of room.

Stairway: 18 steps (38 1/2" width x 10 1/4" tread x 8 1/4" rise) plus an 8 1/4" riser lead to a 40" x 41 1/2" landing; steps painted gray; south wall of first story covered with 5" German cove siding painted beige; north wall of first story covered with 3 1/4" vertical tongue and groove boards painted beige; south wall of second story covered with 3 1/4"

Horizontal tongue and groove boards painted beige; north wall of second story covered with drywall painted beige.

Interior Description: Room 6

Function: Unknown.

Dimensions: 8'8" x 16'5"; 9'11 1/2" ceiling.

Wallcovering: drywall; painted beige.

Floorcovering: 3 1/4" tongue and groove boards; painted gray.

Ceiling: 3 1/4" tongue and groove boards; painted beige.

Baseboard: 3 1/4" plain boards; painted beige.

Heating: none.

Fireplace: none; 10" x 10" x 1' sandstone block chimney passes through room in southwest corner.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture with pullcord.

Interior Description: Room 7

Function: Unknown.

Dimensions: 6'10" x 12'1"; 10'1" ceiling.

Wallcovering: 6"-1' unfinished horizontal plain boards on east wall; 6"-9 1/2" unfinished vertical boards on north and west walls.

Floorcovering: 3 1/4" tongue and groove boards; unfinished.

Ceiling: 3 1/4" tongue and groove boards; unfinished.

Baseboard: none.

Heating: none.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: ceiling fixture offset toward south wall.

Interior Description: Room 8

Function: Unknown.

Dimensions: 9'6" x 12'; 10'1" ceiling.

Wallcovering: 8 1/4"-11 1/2" unfinished horizontal plain boards on south wall; 6 1/4"-9 1/2" vertical boards on other walls; unfinished boards on north and west walls covered with unpainted drywall.

Floorcovering: 3 1/4" tongue and groove boards; unfinished.

Ceiling: 3 1/4" tongue and groove boards; unfinished.

Baseboard: none.

Heating: none.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: ceiling fixture offset toward south wall.

Interior Description: Room 9

Function: meeting room.

Dimensions: 21' x 32'5"; 10'1" ceiling.

Wallcovering: 3 1/2" tongue and groove boards; painted green on the north, south and west walls and beige on east wall; the last 7' of the east end of the north wall has 3" simple-beaded boards painted green.

Floorcovering: 3 1/4" tongue and groove boards; unfinished.

Ceiling: 3 1/4" tongue and groove boards; painted beige.

Baseboard: none.

Heating: register centrally located in ceiling.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

Lighting and Electricity: three ceiling fixtures with pullcords evenly spaced along center line of room from front to back (i.e., west to east); additional ceiling fixture with pullcord in northwest corner.

Other: attic access through ceiling near east end of room close to the north wall; 9'9" wide x 4' long x 1' high platform previously centrally located along west wall.

Site:

General Setting and Orientation: The Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge fronts on West Virginia Route 19/24, one of the two main streets in Roanoke; the property is bordered on the east by the West Fork River, on the south by Tract 1542 and immediately on the north by a (now) vacant lot. Just to the north of the vacant lot is the Post store (HABS No. WV-209-K).

Historic Landscape Design: East of the building toward the river there are several trees of unidentified species.

Outbuildings: No structures presently exist, but there are several chicken and rabbit cages of wire and light board construction (on legs) immediately to the rear (i.e., east) of the structure.

For project Information and bibliography, see ROANOKE HABS No. WV-209.

For other structures in the Roanoke area, see HABS No.s WV-209-A -S.

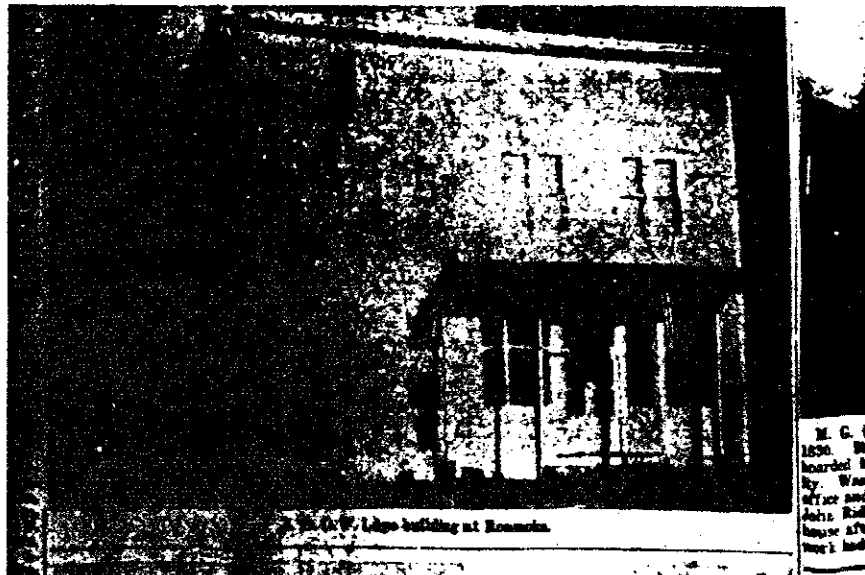
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The west and north elevations of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge in 1981. The Rinehardt store on Tract 1542 is at right. The second door from the left in this elevation leads to the second floor of the structure where the Odd Fellows and Rebeccas held their meetings.



The west elevation of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge as it appeared ca. 1954 (Lawrence G. Smith Photograph Collection).



Another view of the west elevation of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge ca. 1954 as it appeared in the Weston Independent (Alta Anderson Photograph Collection).



Perspective control photograph of the west elevation of the Whitesel store/
Odd Fellows Lodge in 1981.



Close-up of the single sash windows that form part of the west elevation of
the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge in 1981. Some of the details of the porch roof
construction also can be seen.



The entrance to the store section of the Whitesel store/ Odd Fellows Lodge in 1981. Note the double door entrance. In doorway is Mr. Ray Roach, last occupant of the structure and of the village of Roanoke.



Perspective control photograph of the west and north elevations of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge in 1981.



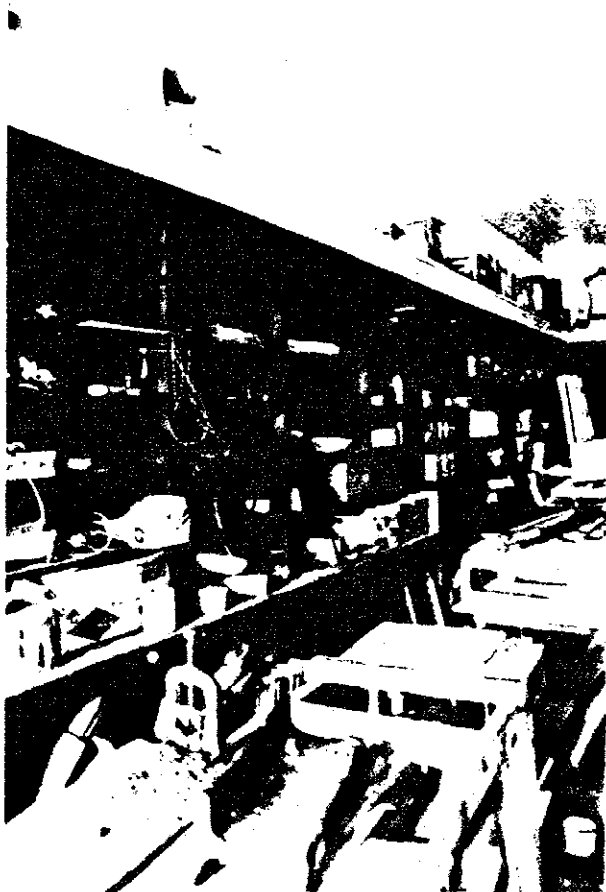
Perspective control photograph of the north elevation of the Whitesel Store/Odd Fellows Lodge in 1981. At right is West Virginia County Route 19/24.



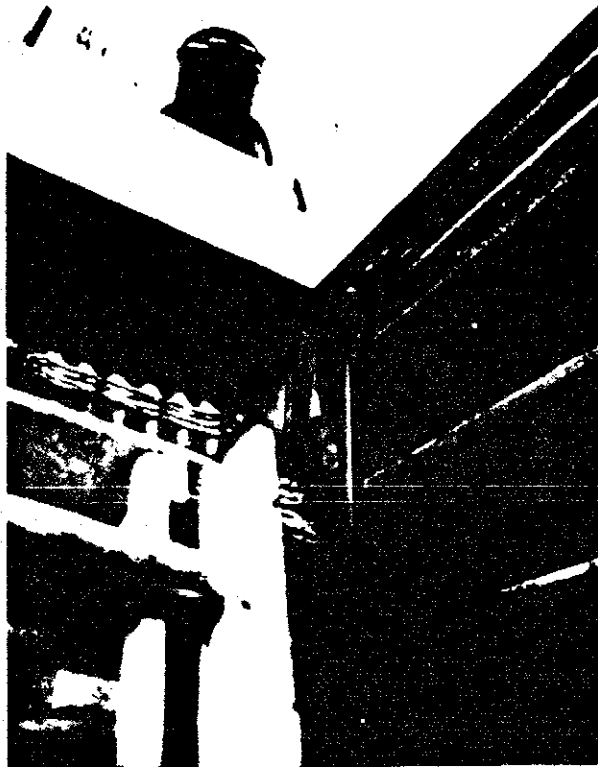
Perspective control photograph of the west and south elevations of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge in 1981. This photograph clearly shows the relationship of the structure to West Virginia County Route 19/24



This photograph, taken in 1981, shows the position of the former exterior stairway prior to the time that an addition was made to the north wall of the Whitesel store. It is clear that the original store windows were not removed or altered when the addition was built



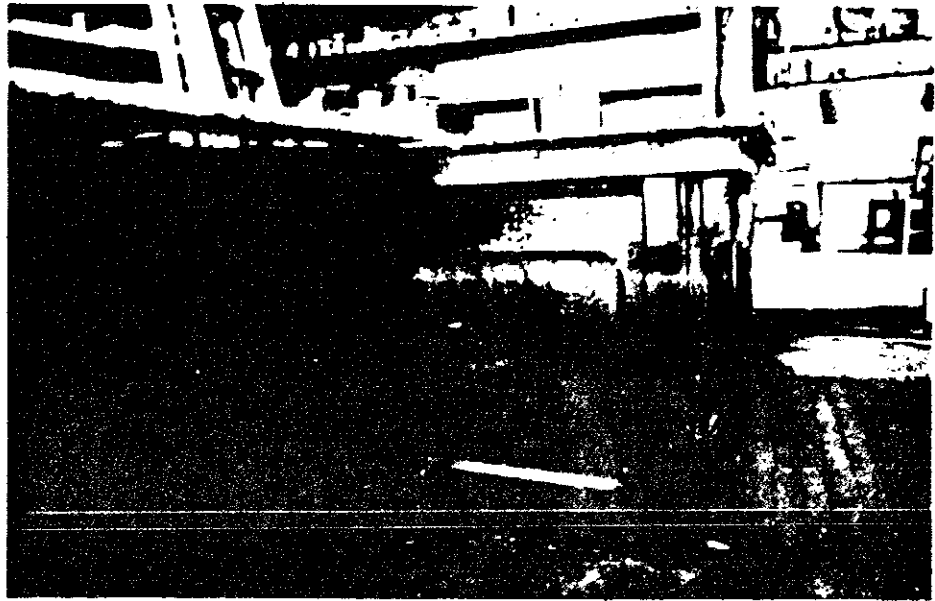
Interior view of Room 4 of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge in 1981 looking northeast. The shelving is believed to be original to the construction of the Whitesel store.



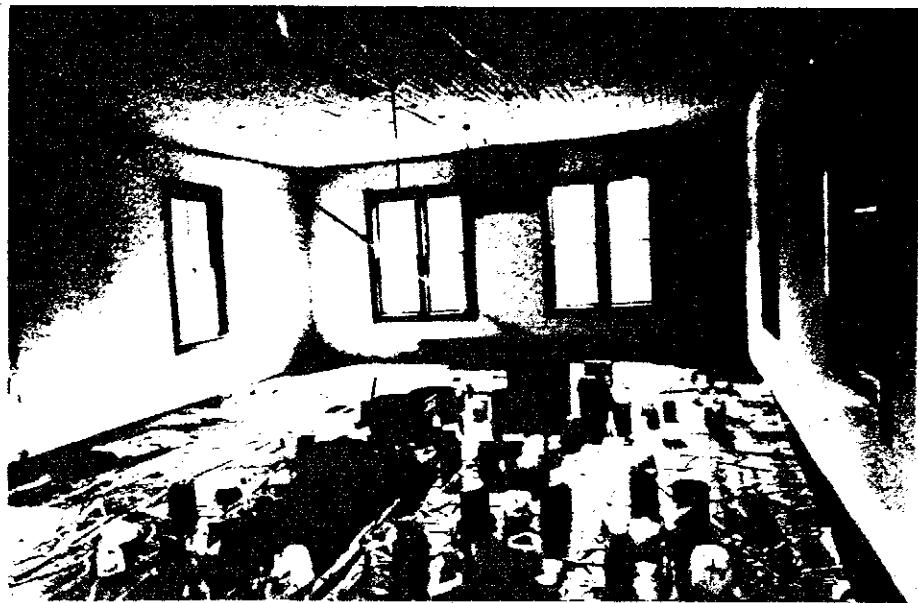
Close-up of corner of shelving in Room 4 of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge in 1981.



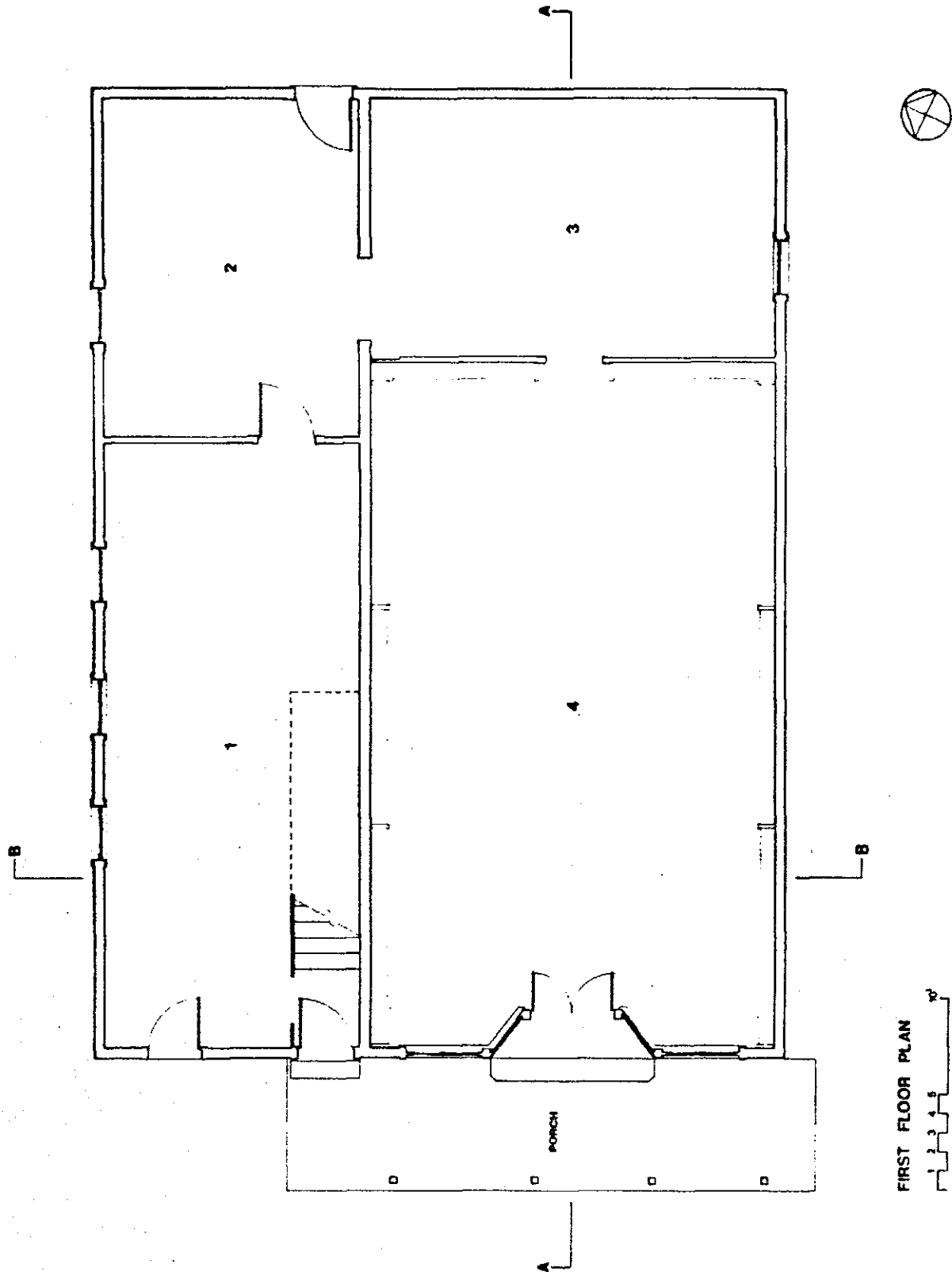
Interior of the east wall of Room 4 of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge in 1981. This photograph clearly shows the relationship between the store's shelves and counters. Through the doorway is Room 3



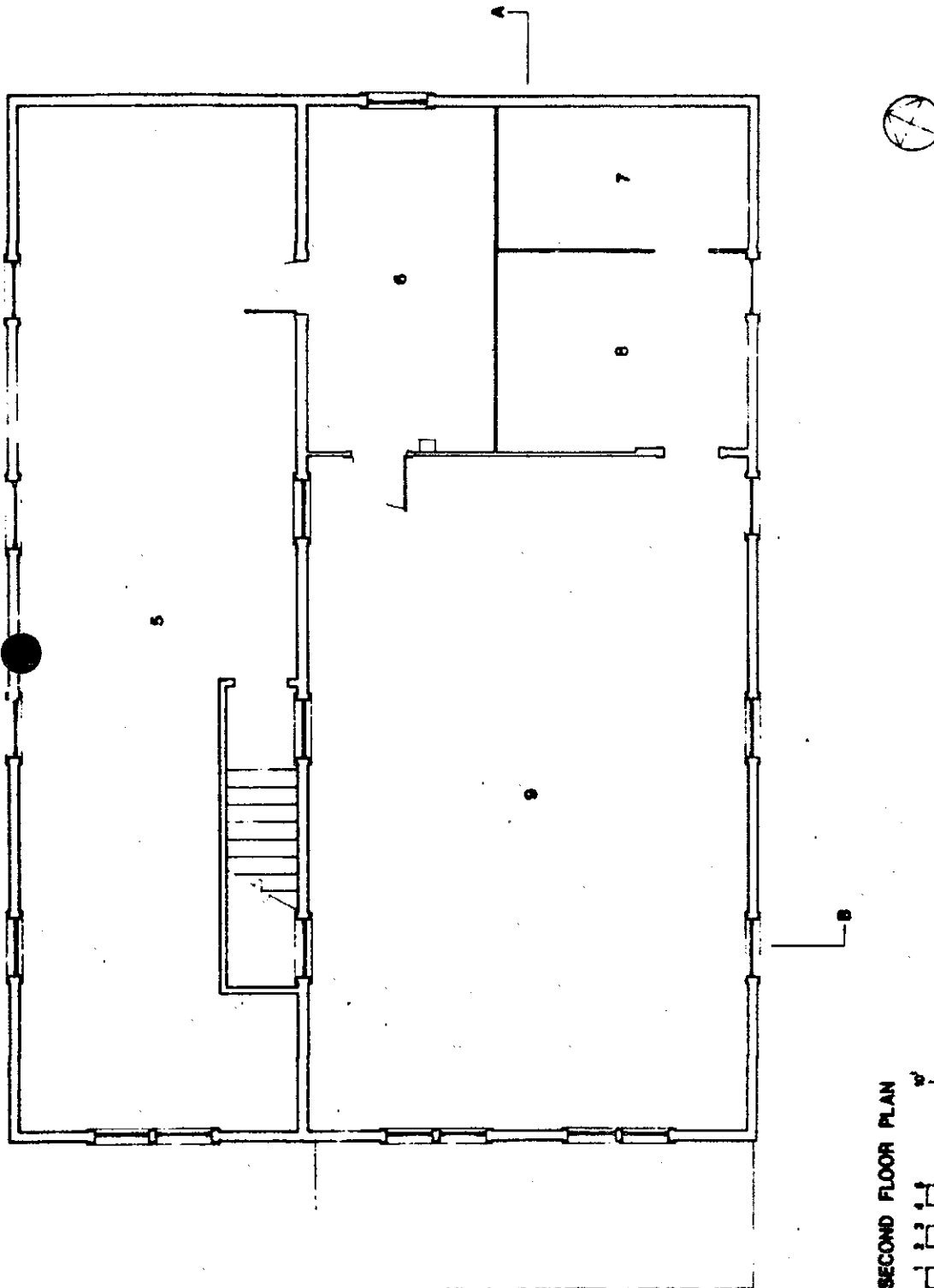
Close-up of the counter in the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge in 1981.



Interior of Room 9 of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge in 1981 looking southwest. This room was used for meetings of the Odd Fellows and of their female counterpart, the Rebeccas. Both of these groups were important social forces in the life of the Roanoke community.



First floor plan of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge.



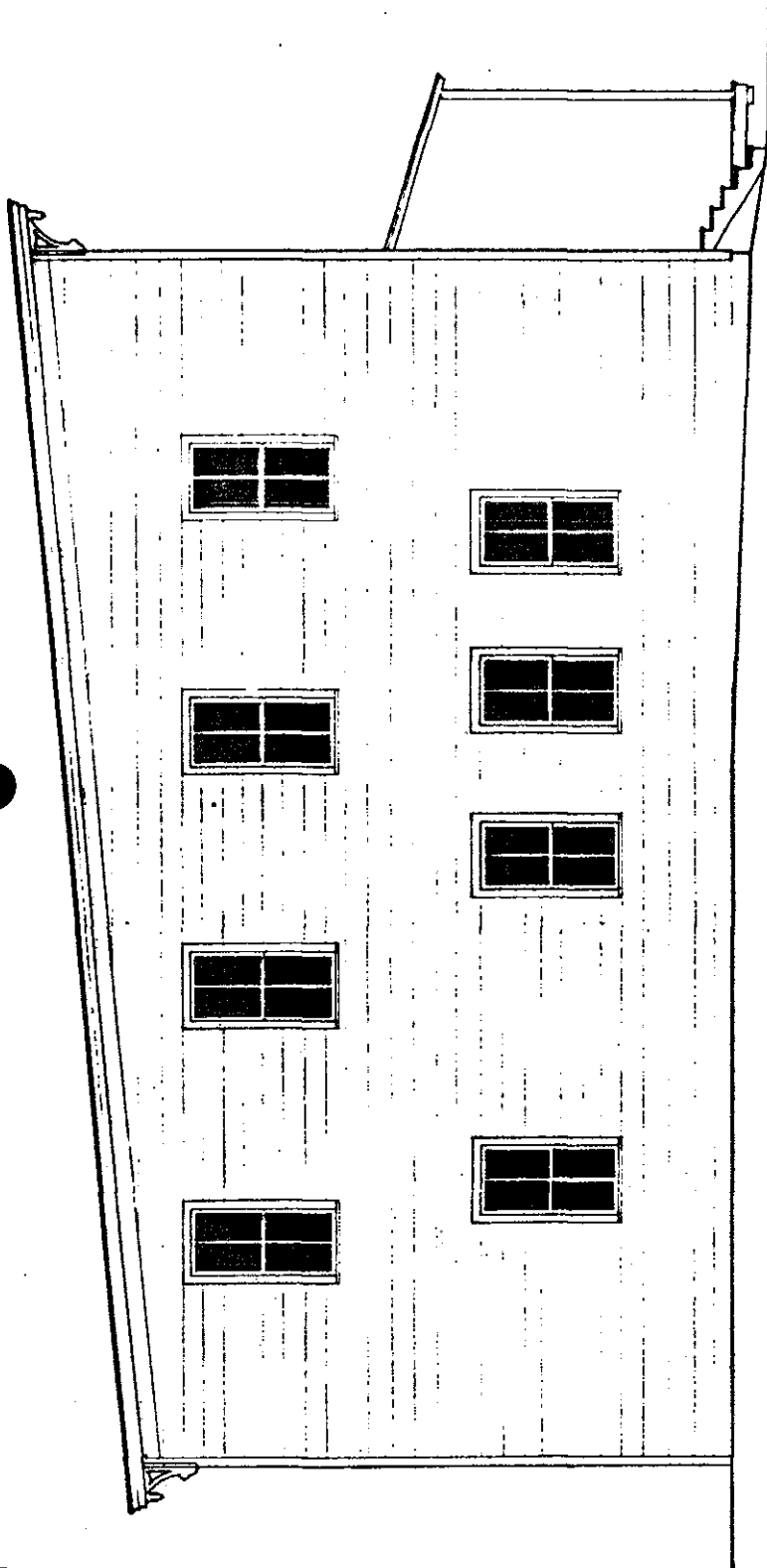
Second floor plan of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge.



WEST ELEVATION



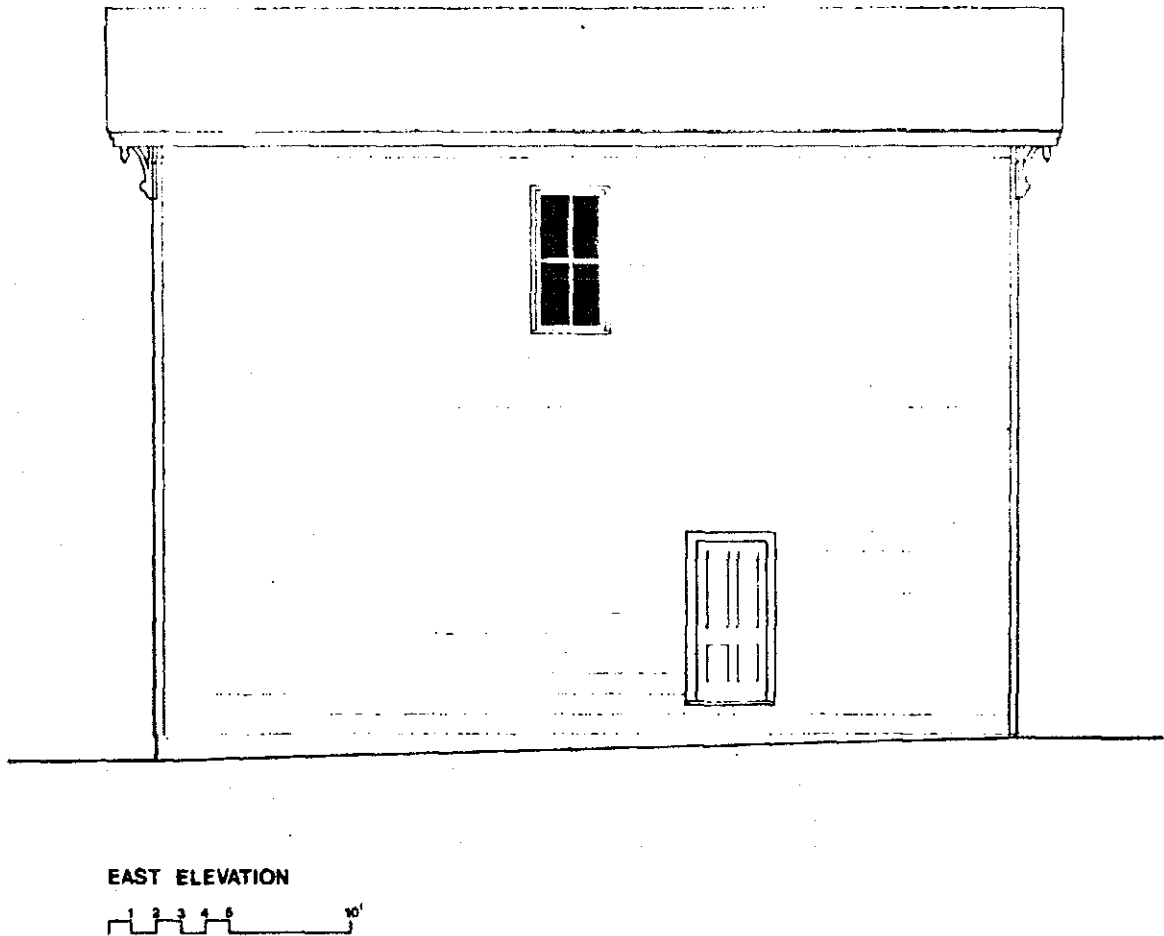
West elevation of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge.



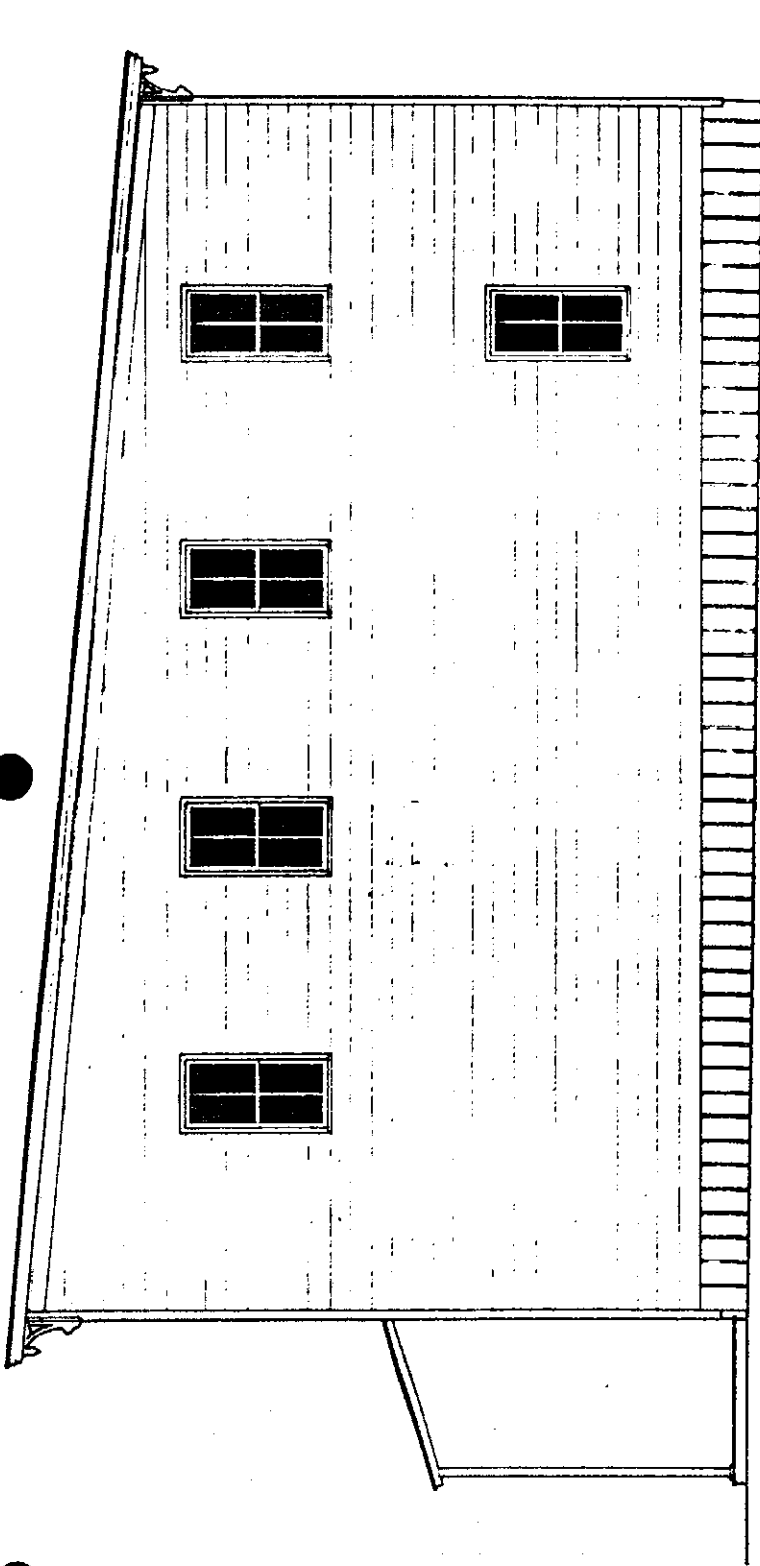
NORTH ELEVATION



North elevation of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge.



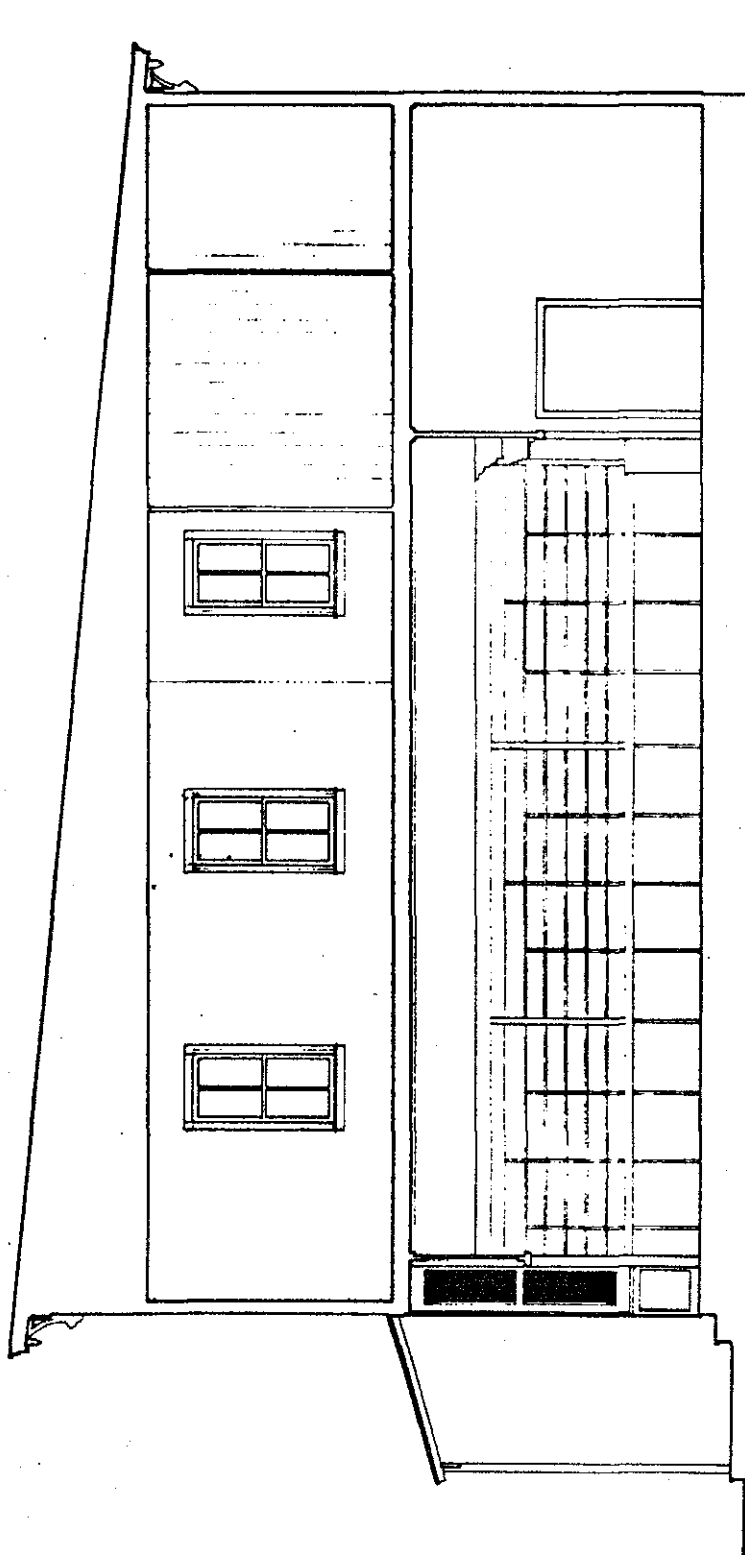
East elevation of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge.



SOUTH ELEVATION

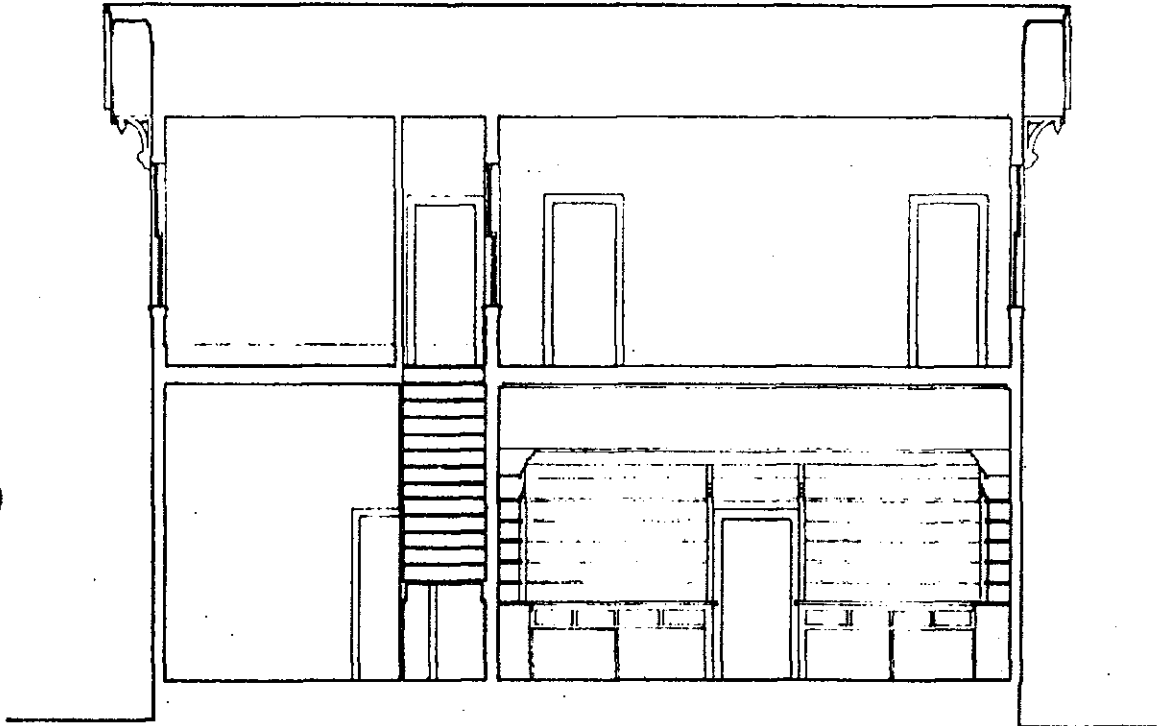


South elevation of the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge.



SECTION A-A

Longitudinal section (A-A) through the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge.



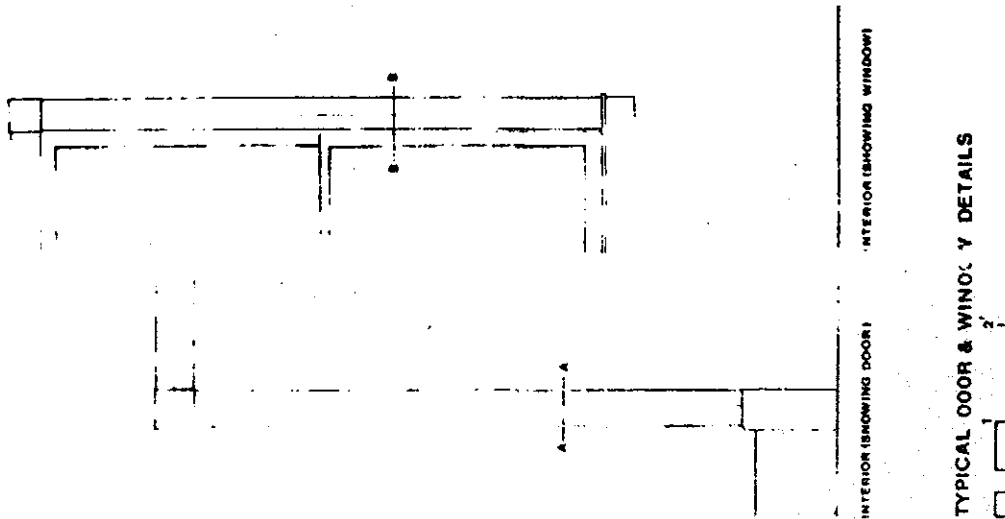
SECTION B-B



Transverse section (B-B) through the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge.



TYPICAL DOOR & WINDOW MOLDINGS



TYPICAL DOOR & WINDOW DETAILS

Typical architectural details in the Whitesel store/Odd Fellows Lodge.